



THE KKK, POLITICAL CORRUPTION, AND THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Student Directions: Listen to the THH Episode called "The KKK, Political Corruption, and the Indianapolis Times." Answer the following questions in the box underneath the question. [Here](#) is a link to the transcript if you prefer to read the content or to follow along while listening.

Teacher Note: The end of each question includes a timestamp for approximately where this question is answered for your convenience. The timestamps are not on the student assignment

Quick Facts

1. Name three groups that were targeted by the Klan in the 1920s. (3:30)

African Americans, political radicals, feminists, intellectuals, gamblers, bootleggers, Asian Americans, Jews, Catholics and any group they deemed to be "un American."

2. When did the "second wave" of the Klan emerge in Indiana? (5:37)

1920

3. What causes did the Klan support in the 1924 election? (10:55)

Limiting foreign immigration, white supremacy, segregation (especially in schools), and the appointment of Klan "sympathizers" to any public position.

Dig Deeper

1. Identify 3 types of sources used for this podcast using the "Show Notes" section on the website.

Books, journal articles, blog posts, Indiana state historical marker file.

2. How did the Klan of the 1920s differ from that of the 1860s? (2:20)

Less overtly violent; stronghold was in the Midwest, rather than the South; targeted a wider range of groups; was more organized

3. To what extent did the media play a role in exposing political corruption in the state? (7:44-end)

Printing Klan lists, publishing Stephenson's letters and checks.

4. Do you think it is the role of the media to pursue and expose corruption? Why or why not? (Relevance question - no timestamp)

Subjective answer - no specific correct answer.